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Compliance Zone Designation			Compliance Zone Designation - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring history, as it pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good standing, support, and deficient. Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. Support - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. Deficient - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
05/09/2017	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
11/03/2016	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing	
03/02/2016	Complaint Investigation Follow Up	Good Standing	

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	First Back	PreK	2	18	C	25	C	NA	NA	Clean Up
Main	First Left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	2	9	C	14	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	First Right	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	2	21	C	27	C	NA	NA	Outside
Main	Fourth Left(Right)	PreK	2	16	C	26	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	Second Left	Infants and One Year Olds	2	10	C	23	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	Second Right (Left)	PreK	2	18	C	26	C	NA	NA	Story
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 141					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					
Total # Children this Date: 92					Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 141					
					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A	184	C
Main	Playground B	96	C

Comments

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 05/09/2017

Any rule violation which subjects a child to injury or life-threatening situation or any rule violations previously cited but not corrected, may result in the imposition of an adverse enforcement action. Serious or continued noncompliance may also jeopardize participation in one or more DECAL program(s).



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- 1) Facility name, license number and visit date
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- 3) Specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, along with your concerns or questions regarding the rule citation

Refutations must be submitted to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

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Your refutation will be forwarded to the appropriate CCS manager, who will follow up with you about your concerns. If you have any questions about this process, contact our office at 404-657-5562.

Bright from the Start recommends that all licensed child care providers carry liability insurance coverage sufficient to protect its clients. If you do not have this liability insurance, you are required to post a notice with ½ inch letters in a conspicuous location in the program, notify the parent or guardian of each child in care in writing, obtain their signature to acknowledge receipt and maintain this written acknowledgment on file at the program at all times while the child attends the program and for 12 months after the child's last date of attendance. (O.C.G.A. Section 20-1A-4)

Jennifer Hale, Program Official

Date

Morgan Stahl, Consultant

Date



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Findings Report

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

Met

Comment

Observed-Pool Not in Use-Gates Locked

Children's Records

591-1-1-.08 Children's Records

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance

Children's records requirements discussed with center Director.

Correction Deadline: 5/9/2017

Facility

591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Met

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2016

Corrected on 5/9/2017

.25(13) - Correction of previous citation observed, please continue to monitor.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined based on observation that on the back right playground, a six inch gap was observed at the bottom of the fence. Further, on the back left playground, a pole at the top of the front side fence was observed to be disconnected.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

Correction Deadline: 5/9/2017**Correction Deadline: 11/3/2016****Corrected on 5/9/2017**

.26(8) - Correction of previous citation observed, please continue to monitor. Maintenance of tree roots discussed with center Director.

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition**Met****Comment**

Menu Meets USDA Guidelines

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)**Met****Comment**

Diapering requirements discussed

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)**Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

Handwashing requirements discussed with center Director.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

Observed-Complete Documentation

Organization

591-1-1-.16 Governing Body & License**Met****Comment**

2017 license observed.

Correction Deadline: 5/23/2017

Policies and Procedures

591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures**Met****Comment**

Consultant observed complete documentation of emergency drills.

Correction Deadline: 5/14/2017

Safety

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****Comment**

Observed-Discussion/Redirection

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**Met****Comment**

Observed-Complete Documentation

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met****Comment**

Observed-Complete Documentation

Finding

591-1-1-.36(3)(a-c) requires the Director and each Staff person responsible for or who participates in the transportation of children to meet the following requirements: (a) complete two (2) clock hours of transportation training on or before June 30, 2015 and at least every two years thereafter. (b) Effective July 1, 2015, the Director and each Staff person who will be responsible for or participate in the transportation of children shall have completed two (2) clock hours of transportation training prior to assuming any duties related to the transportation of children and at least every two years thereafter. (c) Any transportation training completed should be state approved or state accepted training. It was determined based on review of records that the center Director's transportation training expired October 10, 2016.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will ensure that the director, center staff, and any person responsible for the transportation of children has completed the required transportation training.

Correction Deadline: 5/19/2017

Sleeping & Resting Equipment

591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)**Met****Comment**

Observed-Pleasant Naptime Environment

Staff Records

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)**Met****Comment**

Criminal Records Check complete

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR**Met****Comment**

Observed-50% Certified First Aid & CPR

Comment

Observed-Center/Vehicle Kits Complete

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training**Met****Comment**

Observed - Documentation Of Training for 2016.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)**Met**

Correction Deadline: 11/3/2016

Corrected on 5/9/2017

.32(4) - Correction of previous citation observed.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)**Met****Comment**

Observed-Adequate Supervision